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FORMING APPARATUS

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In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Applicants request
reconsideration of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is
respectfully requested.

Claim 11 is presently active. In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 11 was rejected
under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,880,851 to Imada
(hereinafter "the '851 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,482 B1 to Abe et al.
(hereinafter "the '482 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 5,722,029 to Tomidokoro et al.
(hereinafter "the '029 patent").

Claim 11 is directed to an operation and display section of an operation unit for an
image forming apparatus including, *inter alia*, (1) a touch screen panel substantially centered
on the operation unit; (2) numeral keys and an enter key located on the right-hand side of the

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